

# Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Program State Grant Fact Sheet

## ARIZONA

Implementation Partnership Grant: 4/1/06-3/31/14

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### Federal TBI Program

More than 3.17 million Americans live with a disability as a result of a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Many of these individuals and their families are confronted with inadequate or unavailable TBI services and supports. Passage of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 (PL 104-166) signaled a national recognition of the need to improve state TBI service systems. The Act authorized the Health Resources and Services Administration to award grants to States for the purpose of planning and implementing needed health and related service systems changes.

### Lead State Agency

Department of Economic Security, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries

### Arizona's Grant History

Arizona has received \$2,555,650 in TBI Implementation, Post-Demonstration, and Implementation Partnership Grants. The State has matched these Federal grants with \$1,383,713.

### Infrastructure-at-a-Glance: 1997-2013

* Added by 2013    ** Maintained or Regained    *** Lost by 2013					
Advisory Council or Task Force	TBI Registry/ Surveillance	TBI Medicaid Waiver	Head Injury Division in State Department	Dedicated Funding for TBI Programs	State Funding for TBI Programs
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### Grant Objectives

1. Enhance culturally-appropriate services and resources that support youth ages 15-19 with TBI who are transitioning from pediatric services to the adult service delivery systems, and their families.
2. Enhance services and resources for wounded warriors with TBI and their families in order to support warrior transitions.

### Progress

- Continued to partner with one of the state's largest school districts to offer educational/ support sessions for families and the youth themselves. Continued to provide one day workshops for school personnel throughout the state (3 levels: TBI 101, 202, and 303), a three

day professional conference; and presented at professional conferences and workshops.

- Continued to work with military partners to provide professional education to enhance awareness and understanding of TBI among those who work with service members/veterans and their families including a new vocational rehabilitation workshop with the Southern AZ VA. Also provided educational materials to military partners.
- Continued to enhance the capacity of the Brain Injury Alliance of AZ ( BIAAZ) to serve as ombudsman for youth and service members/veterans with TBI and their families/ caregivers.
- Refined the enhanced resource facilitation database housed at the BIAAZ.

### Continuing Effort

The plan is to foster sustainability by building the capacity of the BIA of Arizona to serve youth, service members/veterans, and their families/caregivers. This is being done by expanding and strengthening partnerships, enhancing the resource database and website, deepening the BIAAZ's understanding of the service delivery system that impacts these populations, working with community partners to provide professional education, and offering online education for survivors and families/caregivers.

### For Further Information

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